

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO THE MAY 14, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 14, 2008, in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Response will place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby submit a petition for an extension of time of three months for submitting a response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2008 in the above-referenced application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period of three months was set in the Office Action and expired on August 14, 2008. Thus, with a three-month extension, a response to the May 14, 2008 Office Action is timely if filed on or before November 14, 2008.

In connection with this petition, please find payment in the amount of \$1110.00 submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

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